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## STATE OF OPEN MUTINY

### Indian Navy Clashes With Troops

## TROOPS FIRE ON CAIRO MOB

CAIRO, FEB. 21.—BRITISH TROOPS AT THE KASR EL NIL BARRACKS, IN CAIRO, THIS AFTERNOON FIRED ON A HUGE CROWD OF DEMONSTRATORS TRYING TO FORCE THEIR WAY INSIDE.

Huge crowds stormed the streets of Cairo, dislocating traffic.

Outside the King's residence, the demonstrators shouted expressions of loyalty to the King and such slogans as "Out with the British."

Thousands also demonstrated outside the city, demanding the withdrawal of British troops.—Reuter.

Associated Press adds that crowds in Alexandria bent several Europeans in the streets, wounding some. The demonstrators seized a tram standing near the Sporting Club a few miles east of Alexandria and forced the driver to take them into the town.

The despatch added that anti-British slogans had been chanted on walls all over the city.

Student and labour leaders today called for a general strike in the principal cities of Egypt as a demonstration of the nation's solidarity behind the demands for the evacuation of British forces from the entire Nile Valley.

Strike leaders said they expected peaceful demonstrations at universities and schools and the closing of all shops and establishments.—Associated Press.

## MURDER ORGY IN BURMA VILLAGE

AN ORGY OF BAYONETING, SHOOTING AND THROAT CUTTING OF DEFENCELESS CIVILIANS IN KALAGAN VILLAGE, SOUTH BURMA, ARE FURTHER DETAILS OF SADISM DISCLOSED BY BURMA COMMAND H.Q. IN CONNECTION WITH BURMA'S FIRST WAR CRIMINAL TRIAL WHICH IS TO BE HELD SHORTLY IN THE CITY HALL, RANGOON.

## SHOWDOWN IN INDIA

New York, Feb. 21.—Hinting at "a bloody showdown" before long in India, the current issue of the Liberal weekly "Nation" said in its editorial:

"The spectre of famine looming more and more menacingly over the country, added to the already tense political situation, may serve to produce a nationwide explosion."

The editorial held that "the British endorsement of Pakistan as a separate Moslem State would bitterly oppose by the Indian National Congress," adding:

"This issue has blocked all the efforts of the Vicere, Lord Wavell, to organize a representative government and it seems likely to block his new proposal for a national administration, including both Congress and Moslem League leaders to cope with the food crisis. Out of its golden flesh British Imperialism has raised recoil which it can neither subdue nor appease."—Associated Press.

## MORE GUINEA-PIGS

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## Firing At Bombay Naval Barracks

BOMBAY, FEB. 21.—FIRING BROKE OUT IN THE NAVAL BARRACKS IN THE HEART OF BOMBAY AS STRIKING SEAMEN OF THE ROYAL INDIAN NAVY ARMED THEMSELVES AND WERE FIRED ON BY UNITS OF THE INDIAN ARMY.

UNCONFIRMED REPORTS SAID THE SOLDIERS FIRERED ON THE SEA, THEN WHEN SOME ATTEMPTED

TO RUSH OUT OF THE BARRACKS IN DEFIANCE OF THE ORDER FORBIDDING THEM TO APPEAR ON THE STREETS.

Crowds of civilians attracted by the sound of rifle fire gathered in adjacent streets and police rifle squads were assigned to strategic points.

Indian soldiers in full battle kits with fixed bayonets surrounded the barracks, crouching behind trucks, pillars and other cover.

There was no gunfire from the outside of the buildings; however, and some soldiers said they believed the shooting inside the barracks were merely intended by the seamen as a warning that they were armed.

Meanwhile, violence flared in other parts of the city as crowds of demonstrators began attacking taxi-cabs with sticks and stones and compelling passengers to get out and walk.

Occasional flurries of stone throwing occurred in the streets near Bombay's town hall.

## STRIKE SPREADS

Authorities of the Royal Indian Navy to-day ordered all men to return to their ships or shore establishment and Indian troops began arresting seamen who disobeyed following demonstrations.

An Indian leader said, against alleged racial colour discrimination in the naval service.

A Reuter despatch reported the arrival of the naval strike to a shore base 20 miles north of Bom-

bay where it said 3,000 sailors have quit work.

OPEN MUTINY

Vice-Admiral Sir John Godfrey to-day proclaimed the existence of "a state of open mutiny" on account of the striking seamen of the Royal Indian Navy who were engaged in a pitched battle with British troops.

The Admiral promised to use every force at his command to crush the revolt. Fighting broke out when Indian seamen who had been staging a hunger strike in Castle Barracks attempted to break out into the streets from which they had been barred following demonstrations earlier this week. British troops fired on the seamen who returned the fire.

At the same time the striking seamen who seized control of the Royal Indian Naval vessels in the harbour threatened to open fire if any move was made against them.

A British communiqué said, As Godfrey's warning was carried to the seamen by an officer who entered the barracks under a flag of truce.

ADMIRAL'S WARNING

Admiral Godfrey, who is flag officer of the Royal Indian Navy, also broadcast a warning over Bombay radio declaring: "To continue this struggle is the height of folly when you take into account the overwhelming forces at the disposal of the Government at this time which will be used to their utmost even if it means destruction of the navy of which you have been so proud."

British Army Headquarters issued a statement saying it received reports that small arms fire from some of the Indian vessels had been directed against the dockyard. Gunfire was also heard from the Royal Naval Barracks half a mile from Castle Barracks.

A Reuter despatch said that one person was killed and 14 injured at Karachi when the military police opened fire on a launch carrying a group of striking seamen attempting to leave a ship.

The seamen were said to have retaliated with fire from two naval guns aboard the vessel.

Associated Press.

## M.P.S. OPEN FIRE

Bombay, Feb. 21.—While a miniature battle was going on inside the Castle Barracks to-day, Indian ratings at other Bombay naval establishments were reported quiet.

All roads leading to the battle zone have now been barred by the Police.

At Karachi, where the strike ended yesterday, to-day's clash developed after the military police had opened fire on the strikers.

One person was killed and nine injured.

Troops were called out to guard all approaches to Karachi Harbour. More than 1,500 Indian naval ratings from three shore establishments struck work this morning and some hundreds of them demonstrated on the road leading into Karachi.—Reuter.

Deschryver, who may become next Belgian Premier, declared in an interview that "should my party be called upon to administer the country we will ask the people whether the King should resume his constitutional prerogatives. According to results obtained Parliament will then draw its own conclusions."

Deschryver was reported to have offered Cabinet posts to every Belgian political faction after Regent Prince Charles charged him with "mission of inquiry" on forming a new Cabinet.—Associated Press.

## U.S. Flag Burned

Bombay, Feb. 21.—United States Consul-General Howard Donovan yesterday announced receipt of a note from Rear-Admiral A.R. Radtray, Royal Indian Naval Commander in Bombay, expressing regret over the burning of an American flag during demonstrations by Indian naval seamen.

Donovan said Radtray advised he was having a new flag made to replace the old one which demonstrators hauled down from a staff of 150 seafarers and scientists have been detailed to the task of safeguarding the men.

Of paramount importance is prevention of accidents from radio activity. A safety code will be around the group was present at the first test of the atom bomb in New Mexico last summer.

Among vessels returning to the port area are two hospital ships.—Associated Press.

## LEAVING NOTHING TO CHANCE

Washington, Feb. 21.—All possible precautions of safety have been planned for 25,000 men who will take part in the atom bomb test at Bikini atoll. Medical officers assigned to the project have disclosed that a staff of 150 seafarers and scientists have been detailed to the task of safeguarding the men.

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They were quite satisfactory and there was no likelihood of bread rationing.—Reuter.

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## HARDENING CHINESE POLICY?

SAN FRANCISCO, FEB. 21.—WHEN TROOPS BEGIN TO MOVE IN CHINA IT USUALLY MEANS MAJOR DECISIONS HAVE BEEN REACHED AND A POLICY LAID DOWN.

TROOPS ARE MOVING IN CHINA WITH AMERICAN TRANSPORTATION HELP.

The new first army is reported moving north by ship from Kowloon and General Marshall has apparently approved the movement of additional Chinese armies into Manchuria. That approval is apparently the backbone of what looks like firmer Chinese policy toward Russia.

These and other recent events suggest that after six months of almost complete official silence on Russia the Chinese are opening up.

The Chinese press lambasted the Yalta agreement, and the Manchurian Guild in Chungking was allowed to demonstrate openly against unconfirmed reports that Russia was going beyond her special rights.

It is probable that fresh American support has enabled the Chinese to see their way toward a firmer policy toward Russia.—Associated Press.

## JURIST DEAD

Helsinki, Feb. 21.—Erich Rafael Waldmar, 67, Finland's Prime Minister during 1920-21 and former Finnish delegate to the International Court at The Hague, died yesterday.

Associated Press.

## Retired General Tells Them

WASHINGTON, FEB. 21.—RETIRED BRIGADIER-GENERAL H. C. HOLDRIDGE DESCRIBED THE ARMY AS AN "UN-DEMOCRATIC AND UN-AMERICAN FEUDALISTIC CORPORATION CARRIED OVER INTO THE ATOMIC AGE."

APPEARING BEFORE THE HOUSE MILITARY COMMITTEE IN OPPOSITION TO PRESIDENT TRUMAN'S UNIVERSAL MILITARY TRAINING PROPOSAL, HOLDRIDGE ASSERTED THAT THE ARMY IS "TRYING TO RAILROAD THIS LEGISLATION THROUGH ON A WAVE OF POST-WAR HYSTERIA."

He asserted: "The Army's most prominent characteristic is a medieval caste system which sets up unsurmountable barriers between officer, aristocracy and enlisted man."

Its judicial system is "not a

system of justice at all but a

system of military discipline and punishment carried over

from the days of Gustavus Adolphus by way of the British Army.

The Army's leadership is

class-conscious, ultra-conservative and 'absolutist' and the Army itself offers an "excellent breeding ground for totalitarianism."

Representing the Veterans

League of America, Holdridge

proposed the reorganization of

the Army including the elimination of the "sadistic, degrading,

sophomoric plebe" system and

caste system at West Point."

and "pay schedules attractive

enough to offer a career to those

individuals recruited from military corps."

Holdridge graduated from

West Point in 1917 serving in

the Army of occupation in Germany and later in the Philippines.

He said that he retired in 1944 because of service-in-

incurred injury.—Associated Press.

## SOLDIERS' DOGS

New York, Feb. 21.—Almost 1,000 dogs have been brought to America from Europe to rejoin redeployed veterans, the army said yesterday.

Each veteran pays about \$75

to get his animal back. Dog

reception centers have been estab-

lished at the main ports of em-

barkation.—Associated Press.

## BRITISH SHIPPING

London, Feb. 21.—British shipyards launched 325

merchant ships totalling 895,000

tons during 1939 and at the end

of the year had 1,612,000 tons

more under construction, a sum

of shipbuilding disclosed.

All the ships launched were of

steel construction and averaged

2,700 tons.—Associated Press.

## THE WEATHER

To-day's forecast—Generally

cloudy, with a little rain or

drizzle. Chance of fair periods

later.

Yesterday's temperature—

Maximum: —76 degrees at

3 p.m.

Minimum: —63 degrees at

7 a.m.

Los Angeles, Feb. 21.—

United States Judge Paul Mc

Cormick yesterday ruled that

segregation of Negro children

in school districts violates their

constitutional guarantee of equal

rights.—Associated Press.</

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## INDIA'S FUTURE

It might well be thought that something valuable has been achieved when action taken by the British Government is greeted in India with near enthusiasm. It would seem to indicate more favourable chances of successful endeavours by the Cabinet Mission announced by the Secretary of State to break the present political impasse. Lord Petrick-Lawrence, Mr. A. V. Alexander and Sir Stafford Cripps, the members of the Mission. The views of all three on the question of self-government for India are well-known, while Indian leaders hold Sir Stafford particularly in the highest esteem. As the President of the Congress Party, Dr. Azad, said yesterday: "Whatever may be the judgment on the shortcomings of the Cripps Offer, no one can doubt there was no doubt in Sir Stafford Cripps' sincerity of purpose." In point of fact, that verdict applies with equal force not only to all three members of the Mission, but to the present Labour Cabinet as a whole. The findings of the situation in India are in London couched in language of caution which provokes impatience and anxiety in India, but whatever India's political leaders may say publicly in their appeals for support of the masses, they have been compelled to acknowledge that it is the honest desire of Britain to give India her independence, within or without the British Commonwealth of Nations. That was provided for in the draft declaration of 1942, and that offer may still offer the key to the entire situation, if India's leaders can be persuaded to reach a common ground of understanding between themselves. The failure of the Simla Conference made it apparent, dear, that the solution lies in India and not in the Houses of Parliament. The British Government cannot impose a settlement on the Muslim League and Congress Party, any more than the British Government can impinge on the prerogative of Indians to draft their own constitution. It will be the task of the Cabinet Mission chiefly, therefore, to get Mr. Jinnah and Dr. Azad or Mr. Gandhi or Pandit Nehru, or any or all of them, to create the conditions for the setting up of a constituent assembly. It is fairly certain that if any procedure can be devised which meets with the approval and consent of India's party leaders, it will receive the speedy endorsement of Britain. As yet, of course, India generally has not the slightest conception of the amount of work entailed, or of the number of problems that will present themselves in drafting the new constitution. The work of the Round-Table Conference, which was spread over three years, was far less complicated and beset with obstacles. And Britain's patience has for so long been exercised in awaiting a sign that India is ready to get started upon it.

## GOLD MARKET

Chinese national currency opened yesterday at HK\$8.17, to CNY1,000 for futures and \$3.65 for spot transactions, and weakened to \$3.12 and \$3.52 respectively at the close.

Gold also had a quiet day. Opened at \$529 per tael, it fluctuated within narrow limits and closed at \$531.

U.S. dollars remained steady at \$6.90, but both English Sterling and Australian pounds have declined, with buyers now offering only \$17.50 and \$12.60 respectively.

San Francisco, Feb. 21.

The War Assets Corporation has sold some 600 miles of picots made from the invasion of Japan to three western companies who paid "close to \$600,000" and planned to market it in the western States.—Associated Press

## Chinese First Army Leaving H.K.

THOUSANDS OF WELL-EQUIPPED TROOPS OF THE CHINESE NEW FIRST ARMY, VETERANS OF THE BURMA CAMPAIGN, ARE MARCHING DAILY THROUGH KOWLOON'S STREETS AND BEING LOADED ON AMERICAN SHIPS FOR THE TRIP TO CHINWANGTAO AS NORTH CHINA OR MANCHURIA REINFORCEMENTS.

HALF A DOZEN SHIPS WERE EN ROUTE PRIOR TO YESTERDAY AND FOUR MORE LEFT LAST NIGHT. THE MOVEMENT IS IN LST'S (LANDING SHIP, TANKS) WHICH WERE BUILT DURING THE WAR FOR CARRYING MECHANIZED EQUIPMENT AND TROOPS TO BEACH LANDINGS.

The tank deck, where most of the Chinese troops, supplies, equipment and experienced navy hands say the tanks are carried, is a big waters along the coast are in land-like expanse. If the ship is not taking vehicles, the troop quota is about 200, which is about 200 less than the number of Japanese that were crowded into some of these same ships for repatriation from China to Japan.

The Chinese troops are crowded into the big compartment, with most of them sprawling or sitting on their backs or rice bags.

Ships carrying vehicles have dozens of jeeps and trucks jammed side by side into the big tank deck. Some LST's are scheduled to be converted into "floating barns" for the shipment of approximately 6,000 horses, one navy officer said. It will not be a new job for the LST's; they carried horses north from Shanghai, too.

## WELL EQUIPPED

This is one of China's proudest armies. It is well-dressed, with heavy garments along for the northern climate. It has heavy fire-power in artillery, mortars and machine-guns and more than 2,000 vehicles, mostly jeeps and trucks.

The troops are equipped with improvised big kettles for cooking the rice which will be the main diet during their voyage. One navy officer said that on normal facilities in one of the ship's galley's it would require eight hours just to cook the rice needed for one meal on the ship.

It won't be a pleasant trip

## Admiral Joy's Canton Visit

Rear-Admiral C. Turner Joy, Commander of the U.S. Navy's Task Force 74, returned to Hong Kong yesterday from a brief visit to Canton.

Admiral Joy and three staff officers made the trip up the Pearl River in a 45-foot, high-speed picket boat.

While in Canton, the Admiral was entertained by the Mayor, Vice-Admiral Chan Chak, K.B.E., and by Rear-Admiral Liu, Commander of the Chinese Naval Forces in the Kwantung Area. Admiral Joy and party also were guests of honour at a cocktail party given by the U.S. Naval Assistant Attaché, Lieutenant Commander Hal Noble.

In attendance at this party were Governor Lo and several members of his staff, Mr. Millet, the American Consul and numerous other Chinese, American and British personages.

On the return trip to Hong Kong, the Admiral's picket boat maintained an average speed of about twenty knots, completing the journey in just over four hours, which indicates the ease with which smaller craft may now navigate the passage to Canton.

## Watchman Commended

The quick work and alertness of a district watchman was recommended by Mr. C. Y. Kwan at the Summary Military Court yesterday when a Chinese unemployed, Wan Kap, was charged with larceny of a basket of clothing from a woman on board a tramcar in Des Voeux Road Central near Pottenger Street on Wednesday.

It was alleged that complainant and accused were travelling on the same tramcar from east to west. While the tramcar was near the Hong Kong Bank Building, defendant grabbed the basket and jumped on the tram.

The watchman arrested accused inside a cafe in Pottenger Street.

Sentence of nine months' hard labour was imposed.

The forthcoming weddings are announced of David Teai Chin-kyang, missionary, of No. 146, Waterloo Road, and Miss Tilly Fu, of No. 86, Tel Po Road; and Joseph Wong, accountant, of No. 188, Gloucester Road, and Miss Tang Hin-yung, of No. 31, Cheung Shu Wan Road.

## DISABLED SHIP ARRIVES

The s.s. Sunwater, with the s.s. Empire Ouse in tow, arrived in Hong Kong yesterday.

The Empire Ouse, with a consignment of wheat for Bombay on board, lost her propeller and the Sunwater went to her aid.

The s.s. Menelaus with cargo of native products for Singapore and a consignment of cassia from Liverpool, sailed last evening.

The Kewinch and Carlton are due from Singapore to-morrow, while the Mutina is scheduled to sail for Singapore to-morrow.

## KEYNES' POST

London, Feb. 21.—The Treasury today announced the appointment of Lord Keynes, British Economist, as a Governor of the International Monetary Fund and of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development.—Associated Press.

## Readers' Letters

## PROSPERO'S PROPHET

Sir.—Regarding Father Joy's Jesuitical justification of the "occasional" use of the atomic bomb, which rather omitted the important consideration that no country openly admits being an aggressor, may I quote George Bernard Shaw on the same subject:

"Lion" to a canoe moored at the river's bank. It was doubtless "Philosophia" on his contented way back to Cambridge and, maybe, some late dancing at the "Dot."

Yes, I realise how you feel about Grantchester, Mr. Wright; but I still do not like your poem. We must agree to differ on this point.

I hope, in fact, that I have sufficiently established my knowledge on the relevant geography to be able to say that I do not consider you painted a worthy portrait of this district. And I definitely detect Rupert Brooke's influence; though it may well have been due to subconscious awareness, and entirely unintentional.

Mr. Wright avers that he is not one hundredth part as good as Brooke. Whilst I am tempted to agree with him on this point, I would venture to ask him who he expected would rise to this succulent piece of humility bait?

Mr. Wright says his poems are not obscure; true, there are no hidden depths in them.

One cannot fairly criticise "Nostalgia" if it was indeed written for children, the poet has succeeded admirably.

In his letter to you, the respondent in question takes a very smug view of himself, in comparison to his compatriots. Upon what grounds does he build his statement that the English, as a race, take no interest in poetry?

Since Mr. Wright has requested his own peculiar brand of critical qualification, here is a poem by "Philosophia". Unlike Mr. Wright I shall not ask for a poem from anyone who dislikes my poem.

## EXPRESS

Stretching towards destruction; A fiery way constructed:

Watch: though the way is burning;

No one can turn aside.

Magnetic death pulls strongly Always, from life's beginning.

"Onward," the only sign post: Time is the greatest myth.

Trampling the wastes of chaos, Filled with a dream, disclosing Naught of our choosing taught us

That which we need to know:

Fraught with disillusion's warning;

Mourning the life remaining;

Gaining so much, but losing All that we need to hold.

Cross to the mighty river; Darkness is soon discovered.

Weep: but the salt is wasting.

Speak: there is none to hear.

## PHILOSOPHIA.

## UNTRUE PERHAPS?

Sir.—If a horse really danced an Englishwoman for seven days, as your correspondent Tommey Windo states, it must have been a most disgusting spectacle. The management of the dance hall should surely have been prosecuted both for permitting such a degrading performance and for causing the death of this poor girl. One only hopes that spectators were not allowed to witness it.

If this depraved animal had to dance, could not a mare of his own size and weight have been found as partner? But perhaps it is all untrue, and this dreadful thing never happened. If it did, what is humanity coming to?

## DISGUSTED.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENT

Desert Rat: You would be surprised how many residents in HK would appreciate a guarantee of two bottles a night. This is not to deny that there is point in your complaint, but appeals to the philosophy that there are always someone worse off than you.—Ed.

I might add also that I have quaffed many a pint in Granchester's "Red Lion." No doubt Mr. Wright is familiar with this hostelry, and I'm more than pleased to note a long-haired type wending his way from the

## H.K. Treason Trials

The proper meaning in point of law of the words "war criminals" or "war crimes" were explained by Mr. M. A. da Silva, Crown Prosecutor in connection with the forthcoming trials of local collaborators, at a press conference yesterday afternoon.

He said that belligerents in a war are confined by certain laws and usages of war and any breach of them by any member of an enemy force constitutes a war crime. On the other hand, a non-enemy offender, though committing the same offence, is termed a collaborator or, by the newly coined word, a "quisling".

Mr. Silva said:

"There has been a certain amount of confusion in the terminology used in newspapers reports of, or reference to, both the present trials of collaborators and the impending trials of war criminals, and it has been deemed advisable to clear up the point.

"War criminals or war crimes are referable to Japanese or enemy offenders in, or attached to, enemy forces who had committed offences against the laws and usages of war.

"The term is not applicable to non-Japanese who aided or collaborated with the Japanese in the prosecution of the war. The proper terms for these are collaborators, renegades, or, to use the newly-coined words bequeathed by the Norwegian No. 1, "quislings".

"There is no exception came from the Communist member of the field team, Major-General Fang Fang, who said there were Communist soldiers on the East River but could not state their strength and location. We are therefore bewildered.

"We do not deny the Reds led anti-Japanese guerrillas during the war, but they are not regular armed forces, for guerrillas are not recognised units and should be disbanded in time of peace, according to military regulations. If bandits and irregulars are considered as soldiers how could the country embark on rehabilitation?

**COMMUNIST STATEMENT**

"There are over 200 Japanese fugitive soldiers as well as some bandits and disbanded puppet troops. Their actual conditions can be investigated."

The statement also came after the Kwangtung region committee of the Chinese Communists

undermined are listed for embarkation.

Mr. & Mrs. C. J. Bhumgarla and family.

Mrs. S. B. Mehal and family.

Mr. & Mrs. H. N. Mehal and family.

Mr. K. S. Mehal and two sons.

Mr. R. T. Sadwani.

Mr. Rajhavji.

Mr. L. Nathoomal.

Mr. Loh Beng Kee and

Mr. Tan Tee Seng.

**HONG KONG** passengers will assemble at Queen's Pier at 8.15 a.m. on Saturday, 23rd February, and KOWLOON passengers will assemble at Naval Landing "A" (between Star Ferry and Kowloon Grdow Wharves) at 8.30 a.m. to await Embarkation Officer.

Passengers must NOT board the vessel without first obtaining their embarkation cards, which will be issued at assembly points.

**REPATRIATION OFFICE**

21st February, 1946.

## East River Column Dispute Still Rages

CANTON, FEB. 21.—WHILE THE "TRUCE" TEAM FOR THE KWANGTUNG-KWANGSI REGION HAS GONE INTO THE FIELD AFTER THREE WEEKS IN CANTON, THE CONTROVERSY OVER WHETHER ARMED FORCES OF THE EAST RIVER-COLUMN SHOULD BE RECOGNISED AS COMMUNIST TROOPS UNDER THE "CEASE FIRE" ORDER CONTINUES.

AFTER A YENAN SPEAKER WAS QUOTED AS ACCUSING GEN. CHENG FA-KUEL OF FAILING TO ABIDE BY THE TRUCE TERMS BY CONTINUING ON THE OFFENSIVE AGAINST THE EAST RIVER FORCES, A CANTON MILITARY SPKESMAN SAID:

"The Military Headquarters here has not received any instructions from the central authorities, the Communist Party or Executive Headquarters saying there are Communist troops in Kwangtung. Nor was there any information concerning their strength and battle order."

"The only exception came from the Communist member of the field team, Major-General Fang Fang, who said there were Communist soldiers on the East River but could not state their strength and location. We are therefore bewildered.

"The Communist statement accused the Kwangtung military authorities with 'lack of faith, continuance of civil war, twisting right and wrong, and masquerade of atrocities.' — Associated Press.

## NOTICE

As from the 25th February our office will be on the 1st Floor, CHUNG TIN BUILDING.

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## REPATRIATION NOTICE

No. 63.

S.S. "MARIANA" is expected to leave for Singapore and India on the 23rd February, 1946.

The underlined are listed for embarkation.

Mr. & Mrs. C. J. Bhumgarla and family.

Mrs. S. B. Mehal and family.

Mr. & Mrs. H. N. Mehal and family.

Mr. K. S. Mehal and two sons.

# CONSERVATIVE M.P.'S APPEAL

## Return Of Three-Power Association

### Motives Of Soviet Policy

DECLARING IT IMPERATIVE THAT BRITAIN DISCOVER WHETHER RUSSIA HAS MADE UP ITS MIND "TO DOMINATE THE WORLD," FORMER CONSERVATIVE CABINET MINISTER HAROLD MACMILLAN URGED IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS THAT "SOMETHING LIKE THE OLD CHURCHILL-STALIN-ROOSEVELT ASSOCIATION BE RESTABLISHED TO RECONCILE THE GREAT POWERS."

TRACING RUSSIAN DIPLOMATIC MOVES DURING RECENT WEEKS, MR. MACMILLAN DECLARED IN OPENING A TWO-DAY DEBATE ON FOREIGN POLICY THAT THE SOVIET UNION WAS EXERTING PRESSURE IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND MEDITERRANEAN "AGAINST WELL-RECOGNISED AND ESTABLISHED BRITISH INTERESTS."

### JOURNALIST SUPPORTED

Seoul, Feb. 20.  
Lieut-General John R. Lodge said today in a formal statement that Richard Johnston, of the "New York Times," "stands exonerated" of the assertion by Secretary Pal Hudecay, of the Korean Communist Party, that the correspondent had misquoted him.

Pak had formally requested Lodge to expel Johnston from the country. Johnston said that Pak, replying to a question on Jan. 5, confided that he did not object to a single Russian trusteeship of Korea, that he hoped for development of Korean democracy at or "Soviet socialist lines" and that this might possibly lead to the incorporation of Korea into the Soviet Union at some future date.—Associated Press.

### Reorganising China's Army

Nanking, Feb. 20.  
Lieut.-Gen. Albert Wedemeyer, to-day counselled Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek and his top generals to concentrate on "quality rather than quantity" in reorganising the Chinese Army.

He also emphasised the necessity for modernisation and the greater efficiency of the Army. Shortly after the United States commander in China had addressed the five hundred generals, the four-day military conference adjourned.—Associated Press.

### Polish Army In Italy

London, Feb. 20.  
The Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, told the House of Commons yesterday that every effort was being made to prevent members of General Anders' Polish army in Italy from taking any political action directed at Russia or at an alliance with Fascist elements.

Replying to questions concerning such charges against the Polish Second Corps, Mr. Bevin said that Government was determined to prevent "conflict with the aims of British policy."

He added that recent manoeuvres held near Ancona on the Yugoslav border by the Poles were "routine training exercises."—Associated Press.

### T. V. ATTACKED

Chungking, Feb. 20.  
The "China Times" to-day attacked Premier T. V. Soong for concluding the Sino-Soviet treaty "sacrificing Manchuria" at a time when it was obvious the war against Japan could have been won without Russian help.

The paper accused Dr. Soong of knowing about the Yalta agreement to reward Russia at China's expense and said he had made the sacrifice in full knowledge that they would be against the will of the Chinese people.—Associated Press.

### ENVOY WITHDRAWN

Rio de Janeiro, Feb. 20.  
Foreign Minister Jono de Fontoura yesterday announced that Soahn has agreed to withdraw the nomination of Eduardo Ayuso as Spanish Ambassador to Brazil.

The recent "Blue Book" published by the United States State Department accused Ayuso of being active in transferring to Argentina German agents, whose Agent, Ayuso, is now in Rio de Janeiro.—Associated Press.

### LORD HALIFAX'S APPEAL

CHICAGO, Feb. 21.  
THE EARL OF HALIFAX, BRITISH AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED STATES, TODAY SAID THE PROJECTED AMERICAN LOAN TO BRITAIN REPRESENTS AN EFFORT TO "SETTLE THE WHOLE ECONOMIC PATTERN OF THE FUTURE."

In an address before the Inland Daily Press Association, he said it would not be a loan of dollars but a credit to finance British purchase of American goods.

He said the future prosperity of the world depends largely on the free interchange at a stable rate of American and British currencies. He appealed for continued Anglo-American cooperation and made the following observations on Britain's foreign policy:

India's failure to obtain self-government has been due more to disagreement among Indians than to British refusal to grant India freedom.

The Palestine situation must be settled with the concurrence of the world's Arab peoples or a bloody war is possible.

British troops in Indonesia were concerned only with disarming the Japanese and liberating prisoners of war and civilian internees as ordered by the Anglo-American Joint Chiefs-of-Staff;

The British are remaining in Greece for the purpose of providing a stabilising force while the Greeks choose a Government of their own in free elections.—Associated Press.

### General With Passion For Ice Cream

CHENGDU, Feb. 21.  
IF GENERAL CHANG CHUN BECOMES THE NEXT PREMIER OF CHINA HE WILL TAKE INTO OFFICE WITH HIM A LOVE FOR OUR FAVOURITE FOOD IN CHINA—ICE CREAM.

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General Chang holds three important jobs to-day—he is the Governor of the important Szechuan province, member three of the National Truce Committee with General Marshall and the Communist leader Chou En-lai, and one of the two Government representatives on the Army Reorganisation Committee to which General Marshall is adviser. Political observers pick him as the likely choice for Premier because he is the only government leader thus far who appears to be completely acceptable to the Chinese Communists.

A classmate of General Chiang Kai-shek in the Japanese Military Academy, Chang has worked hand in hand with the head of China's Government for many years. He is long the "elder statesman" who had a powerful voice in the Chinese Government and politics over years. It is no secret that he is not only one of the most trusted of the Generalissimo's Lieutenants but that he also has the confidence of political opponents.

While relaxing socially with friends Chang has a constant twinkle in his eyes for he enjoys telling jokes, especially in English. His English is more than adequate although he does not speak the language as well as his charming Chinese wife, graduate of a Shanghai school.

During official functions he can be stiff and formal but in his home there is no hint that he is one of China's most powerful figures.

His Chengdu home in which the Governor and Madame Chang live has many occidental comforts—it's interior is no different from many American homes. His cook is one of the best in the province and the Chinese meals served at his table are delicious.

PARTING GIFT  
Governor Chang never visited the United States but his son, Philip, graduated from Cornell University and his daughter, Alice Chang, now is in Washington with her husband.

### STRUGGLE FOR MANCHURIA

CHUNGKING, Feb. 20.  
CHINA'S INTERNAL STRUGGLE BETWEEN THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT AND THE COMMUNISTS HAS STARTED ANEW OVER THE QUESTION OF CONTROL IN RUSSIAN-OCCUPIED MANCHURIA.

Chou En-lai, the Communist true negotiator, has flown to Party Headquarters at Yenan for discussions with his leader, Mao Tse-tung, while the Foreign Minister, Wang Shih-chieh, has been in protracted conference with Chiang Chung-kuo, the Generalissimo's elder son and special Commissioner for Economic Affairs in Manchuria, and Chang Kai-shek, Chungking director of Economic Affairs in Manchuria.

Wang has just returned from Nanking where he is reported to have delivered to the Generalissimo Russia's reply to China's enquiry about Soviet plans for withdrawal from Manchuria.

The "Ho Ping-pao" mouthpiece of the Chinese army, to-day charged that the Communists were engaged in troop movements inside Manchuria violating the truce signed on January 10.

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The prohibition on making new commitments in May wheat futures will be effective at the opening of trading on Wednesday.

The directors also ordered that on Feb. 23 there be no trading in futures contracts in any commodity or security and that trading on that day on the Exchange floor be limited to cash grain and cash commodities only.—Associated Press.

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**DELEGATES DELAYED**

New York, Feb. 20.  
The Pan-American World Airways announced yesterday that one of its Constellation transport planes en route to New York with 35 members of the American delegation at the recently U.N.O. meeting in London has been delayed by weather at Gander, Newfoundland. Passengers included Eleanor Roosevelt, Edward Stettinius, Jr., Senator Arthur Vandenberg and John Foster Dulles. Associated Press.

**New Korean Chairman**

Seoul, Feb. 20.  
The Korean press reported that General Kim Il-sung had been made chairman of the "people's commissariat" in the Russian occupation zone, north Korea.

It was not clear whether the commissariat was of the Korean Government in the northern zone or was an advisory committee similar to the representative democratic council set up for America's zone in the South. Copies of the "free press" smuggled out of the Russian zone said that Kim Il-sung of the Korean independence league was listed as vice-chairman with Kang Ryang-hwan as chief secretary. Associated Press.

**Taxi Caravan Of 148 Cars**

Pittsburgh, Feb. 20.  
A Chicago to Washington taxi-cab caravan struck out over miles of highways as bad weather, breakdowns and lack of accommodation disrupted the line.

The caravan of approximately 148 cars was made up of some 350 veterans and their families who were driving from Chicago to Washington to protest the Chicago ordinance which limits the number of taxis. The veterans contend that two companies own most of the taxis and that their control constitutes a monopoly.

A spokesman said: "We are going to camp in Washington until we get satisfaction." Associated Press.

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**BRITISH COMMUNIST DEMAND**

London, Feb. 21.  
The British Communist Party to-day demanded that Britain break off diplomatic relations with Spain, labelling the regime of General Franco as an "menace to the peace of the world."

The formal party statement added that "support given to such

regime by the British Government in maintaining diplomatic and extending its commercial relations with Franco is intervention on the side of General Franco against the Spanish people."—Associated Press.

**JAMAICA TROUBLE**

Kingston, Jamaica, Feb. 21.  
A Canadian industry regiment was to-day held in readiness to take over the essential services of the strike ridden Kingston as the walk-out of 3,500 public utility workers threatened a food shortage and the paralysis of communications. No signs are in sight of settlement of the strike which began on Friday when attendants of an insane asylum walked out, loosing scores of inmates.

It is estimated that 35 asylum inmates are still at large. Associated Press.

**SHANGHAI STRIKE**

Shanghai, Feb. 21.  
No Chinese language news-journal appeared on Shanghai streets as some 5,000 printers and compositors of the city's two dozen papers went on strike for high wages. Associated Press.

**USE OF A "SOFT HAND" Szechwan General On China Discord****Understanding Before Force****MacArthur Criticised**

New York, Feb. 20.  
The New York "Times" editorially expressed doubt as to the wisdom of General MacArthur permitting the recent Japanese celebration of Empire founding-day.

The paper said that founding day is inextricably connected in Japanese minds to-day with what has been extolled by Japanese Imperialists as the empire-founding principle which tenches the Nipponess that the Emperor and the nation are under divine command to extend their capital until the whole world is brought under the rule of the Japanese Emperor.

The "Times" said that "this converts the celebration from a manifestation of patriotism to an exaltation of Imperialism, war and conquest. For that reason one may doubt as to the wisdom of permitting the Japanese to observe such a day under the noses of their conquerors. Enough Japanese have displayed enough flags even without official prompting to show how very much alive the old ideas still are. The Allied approval of a national celebration dedicated to old concepts will scarcely facilitate the adoption of new ones."—Associated Press.

**BRIDGE NOTES**

"Perhaps you can make something clear to us," wrote a St. Louis enthusiast. "We're a group of sixteen who meet each week, but there's a lot we still have to learn about the game. This is the sort of hand that always gives us the creeping jitters:

North, Dealer

East-West vulnerable

B. K. 10 8 7

H. Q 4 8

D. 4

O. K. 9 7 2

N. H. 9 5 5

W. D. A. K. 8 7

S. C. Q. 8 4

B. A. Q. J. 9 6

H. K. 7 6 2

D. 8 6

C. A. B.

The bidding:

North East South West

Pass Pass Pass Pass

2S. 2S. 2S. 2S.

"As you can see, there's no way of defining four spades; but we couldn't see any way of getting to four spades. North isn't strong enough to go to three spades, and South isn't strong enough to bid again when North simply raises to two spades. Isn't there some way for North to bid two-and-a-half spades?"

Strangely enough, there is a way of doing that although the rules of the game forbid any such bid as so many words. North should bid two clubs instead of two spades. If South has needed a spade bid, he will give North another chance to bid to North doesn't have to be in a hurry to raise the spades. (And if South hasn't a sound opening bid and consequently has to pass two clubs the North-South hands will be too weak for game and little will have been missed.)

When South bids two spades over North's response of two clubs, North can go to three spades. This combination of bids by North—first bidding his own suit and then raising South's suit—is the easiest way to show a hand whose strength is about midway between a single and a double raise. And once South gets that message, he will naturally bid four spades, since he has substantially more strength than he needed for his opening bid.

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Yesterday you were David Bruce Burnstone's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you held:

S. A. K. 9 6

H. 7 3 2

D. 6

C. A. K. 10 4 3

The bidding:

Burnstone Schenken You Jacoby

Pass Pass 10. Pass

1S. Pass (?)

ANSWER: Bid three spades. This is a strong invitation (not a force) to game, and your partner will accept it if he has a King or so in the red suits in addition to a four-card or five-card spade suit headed by the Queen. If he has less than strength, the contract of three spades will be fairly safe.

Score 100 per cent for three spades, 80 per cent for four spades, 10 per cent for two spades.

QUESTION

To-day you are Howard Schenken's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you hold:

S. A. K. 9 6

H. 8 2

D. 6

C. A. K. 4 3

The bidding:

Schenken Maler You Jacoby

Pass Pass 1C. Pass

1S. Pass (?)

What do you bid? (Answer to-morrow).

BRITISH NOTE TO GREECE

London, Feb. 21.  
The Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, has sent another note to the Greek Government reiterating the view that the Greek elections should be held on or before March 31, a Foreign Office spokesman reported.

There is no likelihood of any further postponement of the voting, the spokesman added.

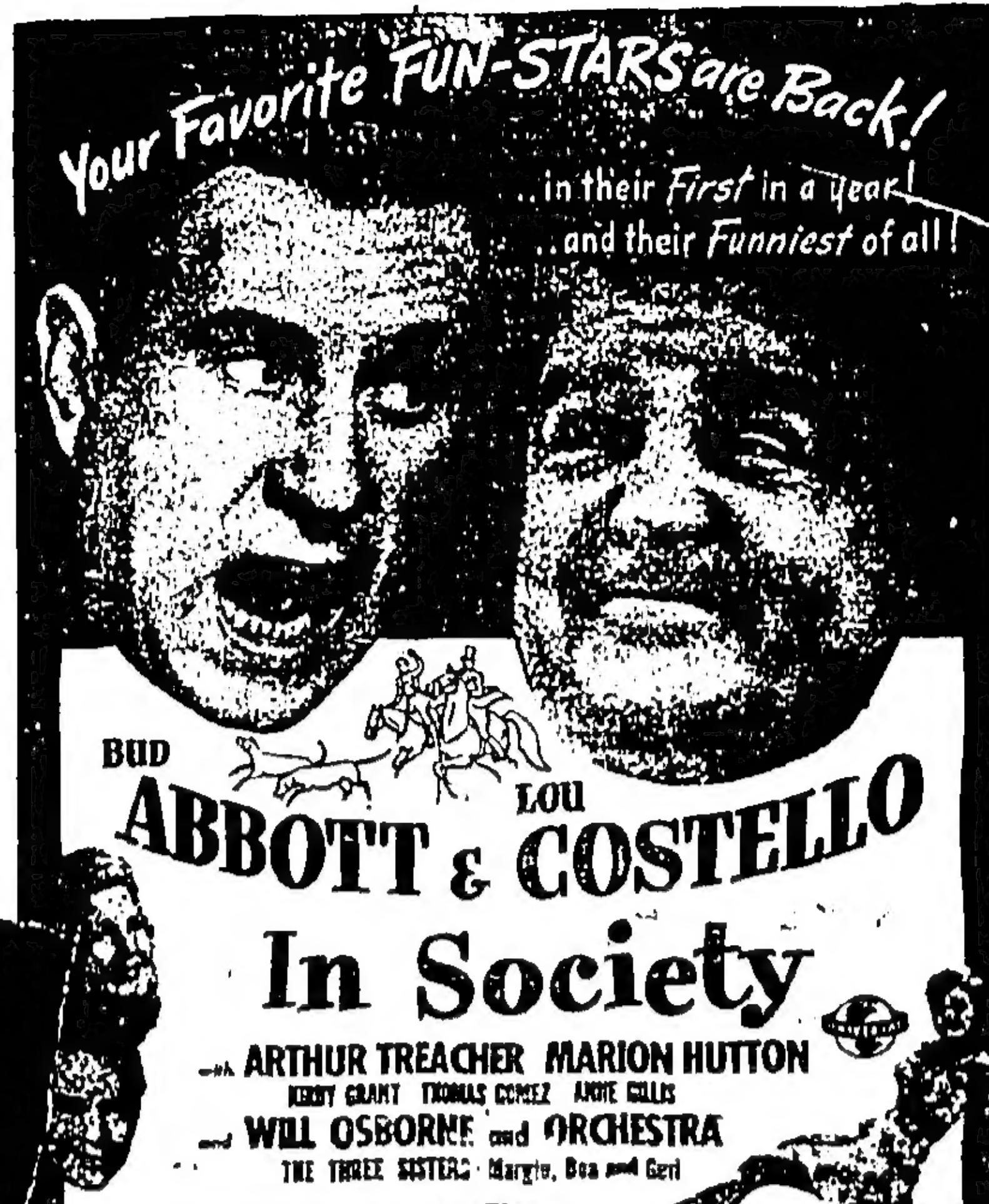
A British mission to cooperate with the French and Americans in observing the voting has arrived in Athens.—Associated Press.

"TRUMAN WILL RUN" IN '48

Cleveland, Feb. 20.  
Secretary of Commerce Henry Wallace indicated that he would not again be vice-presidential candidate in 1948 because it will be "necessary" to have someone from another part of the country.

Asked if he might be candidate in 1952, Wallace did not run. Wallace turned in Hong Kong at the break of war. Associated Press.

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**BOUND FOR OKINAWA WITH AIRFIELD CONSTRUCTION UNITS OF THE FAMOUS "TIGER FORCE," 4857 QUARRY FLIGHT WAS DIVERTED TO HONG KONG ON THE NEWS OF THE JAPANESE SURRENDER. THE UNIT HAD SERVED WITH THE ARMIES OF LIBERATION IN EUROPE, DEMOLISHING THE OBSTRUCTION RESULTING FROM BOMBING AND PREPARING THE MATERIAL FOR BUILDING AND REPAIR OF AIRSTRIPS FOR ADVANCING R.A.F. BASES.**

During the three months since they arrived in Hong Kong, these R.A.F. quarrymen, among them highly qualified engineers and technicians, have quarried a total of 12,000 tons of stone beside 7,000 of over-burden-waste material which can also be used in the construction of runways. A daily output of 2,000 tons of stone is the target aimed at for the building of the new airfield. On peak day recently, 537 tons of stone and 932 tons of overburden were produced.

The unit brought with it stone crushers which are capable of dealing with 280 tons of stone a day, bulldozers, "digger" and other plant.

Drilling for insertion of demolition charges is carried out by No. 3800 Well-boring Flight and a shaft to a depth of 80 feet through the rock structure is frequently required. Before blasting operations begin, airmen driving "diggers", engineers working on machines, coolies breaking up lumps of rock—all personnel are warned by whistle to retire to a safe distance while the charges are detonated. A dust cloud—one 200 feet high rises in the air.

#### LARGEST FALL.

The largest fall of rock in one blast has been 2,500 tons; recently a corner of 1,000 tons was knocked down and the latest job is to blow up a further 2,000 tons. Labouring in the dust which penetrates into diesel engines and machines and gets into the eyes and lungs—efforts are made to keep it down by water-spraying—these airmen are carrying out a splendid job of work in an isolated spot far from the entertainment facilities of a town. They live in billets alongside the quarry, and, in their off-duty time play football and bathe in their swimming pool. At week-ends they have recreational transport into Kowloon—the nearest town.

Personnel of the unit include Flight Lieutenant A. Dunn from Derby, coal mining engineer in civilian life and Commanding Officer of the Quarry Flight; Flying Officer B. Crowther, B.Sc. from London; Flight Lieutenant R. P. Fletcher, M.A., in charge of the well-boring contingent who comes from Spalding. Lieutenant Flight Sergeant K. V. Badger, plant operator of Farnborough, Kent, who received the B.E.M. for his work in France during construction of the historic Camerun, which, built to last for ten days, allowed the American Army to move up rapidly in pursuit of the enemy-titans, plant operators, drivers, quarrymen, many of whom held the same jobs before joining the R.A.F.

Among visitors to the quarry have been the Supreme Allied Commander, Lord Louis Mountbatten, Admiral Lord Fraser and the Allied Air Commander-in-Chief Air Chief Marshal Sir Keith Park. Frequent visitors, who take a personal interest in the problems in the Colony, are the Commander-in-Chief Vice-Admiral Sir Cecil Harcourt and the Air Officer Commanding Air Commodore W. A. D. Brook.

### RUSSIA MAY BE BARRED

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 21.—RUSSIA MAY BE BARRED FROM THE 1948 OLYMPIC GAMES, AVERY BRUNDAGE, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OLYMPIC COMMITTEE SAID TODAY.

Facts which might prevent Russian competition are reports, Brundage said, of Government subsidising leading athletes and lack of an organised Russian sports committee with which the International Olympics' Federation might deal which is a requirement for participation in the Olympic games.

Brundage declined to comment on the proposed banning of Japan and Germany from the games—Associated Press.

## Home Football

London, Feb. 20.  
High winds marred most of the re-arranged football fixtures played to-day.

Blister squalls ruined the game at Ipswich, where Aston Villa suffered a serious setback in their quest for the "double" of League Championship and the Football Association Cup. It was their first defeat on a London ground in eight visits to the capital this season. The Hammers were much faster and livelier, and made their rivals look mediocre. The League South table was not affected by the result.

Similarly, in League North Chesterfield, who took one point from their home game with Sheffield Wednesday, do not move up the table. Wednesday led at half-time, but fell away.

In the rugby code Cambridge University were defeated by the New Zealand touring team, scoring seven points to the visitors.

16. The Army defeated London by 22 points to 12.

To-day's soccer results are as follows:

League North—Chesterfield 1

Wednesday 1; Blackburn 0 Bolton 1.

League South—Tottenham 3

Villa 0.

Third Div. South-North Region

— Ipswich 1 Mansfield 1.

Third Div. North-East Region

— York 1 Rotherham 1.

Scottish League Div. B Cup

semi-final replay: Altrincham 2 Dundee 1.—Reuter.

## New H.K. Yacht Club

Yachtsmen will be interested to hear of the forth-coming inauguration of a new Yacht Club in the Colony, to be known as the Royal Hong Kong Naval Yacht Club, which will lease Kellett Island from the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club.

The Kellett Island Club House, which was a modern building erected just before the war, was thoroughly looted during the occupation of all portable wood-work and other fittings, and nearly all the yachts have disappeared.

On the arrival of the Royal Navy the premises were requisitioned as a Combined Services Club, and due to the efforts of several ships, notably H.M.S. Vengeful and H.M.S. Deerhound, a certain amount of rehabilitation was done.

A number of Naval boats have also been collected and there has been a large muster for sailing races at week-ends.

The premises have to be deregutted on March 1, and, in order to carry on the good work until the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club can take over the helm, the new Club is being formed under combined services auspices, and will be inaugurated at a meeting to be held in the Gloucester Building next Wednesday evening. All members of the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club will automatically be members of the new Club on their return to the Colony.

It is hoped in this way, by the combined efforts of all the Services and the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club, to revive yachting in the Colony, but it may be some years before it returns to its former flourishing state owing to the shortage of materials for yacht building.

## Boxing Tourney

The following is the programme for the Charity Boxing Tournament to be held at the Lee Theatre on Tuesday, Feb. 26.

**BANTAM WEIGHT**

Stoker Young (H.M.S. Ramo Head) v. L.A.C. Miller (R.A.F.).

**WEFTER WEIGHT**

L.A.C. Caffery (R.A.F.) v. Lt. Tunwell (5 Commandos).

**MIDDLE WEIGHT**

A.B.C. McMurdo (H.M.S. Trumper) v. Cpl. Roberts (1 Commando).

**LIGHT WEIGHT**

Stoker Hart (H.M.S. Ramo Head) v. Stoker C. Clark (H.M.S. Ramo Head).

**MIDDLE WEIGHT**

Cpl. Summerhayes (H.M.S. Tantau) v. L.A.C. Evans (R.A.F.).

**HEAVY WEIGHT**

C.S.M. Smith (44 Commandos) v. L.A.C. Holdsworth (R.A.F.).

**LIGHT HEAVY**

Cpl. Crellin (1 Commandos) v. Cpl. Taylor (6 Commandos).

**HEAVY WEIGHT**

C.S.M. Mulholland (1 Commandos) v. Major Miller (South Staffs).

**MIDDLE WEIGHT**

Tel. Summerhayes (H.M.S. Tantau) v. L.A.C. Evans (R.A.F.).

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## Russia Admits Obtaining Information

### Noticeable Air Of Tension

Ottawa, Feb. 21. A RUSSIAN EMBASSY EMPLOYEE, IVOR GOSENKO, WHO IS UNDER PROTECTIVE CUSTODY HERE IN THE SPY INVESTIGATION, APPEALED TO THE PRESS LAST AUTUMN IN FEAR OF HIS LIFE BECAUSE "HE KNEW TOO MUCH." A FORMER REPORTER OF THE "MORNING JOURNAL," ELIZABETH FRASER, TOLD HOW GOSENKO WITH HIS WIFE AND CHILD WENT INTO THE OFFICE OF THE NEWSPAPER IN DESPERATION SAYING THAT THERE WERE THINGS GOING ON THAT COULD LEAD TO ANOTHER WAR AND THAT HIS SUPERIORS HAD FOUND OUT THAT HE DISPROFITED.

He said that he was due for disappearance and death but the "justice department" had ignored his appeals.

Miss Fraser said that "there was a ring of stark sincerity in his voice but that his fear and excitement were so frantic that he could easily have been a paranoid convinced of the truth of his delusions."

Meanwhile Canadians waited impatiently for the Government to announce new details of the Soviet collection of secret data in the Dominion, in which strategically placed Government employees cooperated on apparently a widespread scale.

The Government was reported reliably to be ready to issue its first official report since the disclosure of the sensational case by Prime Minister Mackenzie King last Friday.

Some members of the Government are known to feel that the blackout imposed on the official release of information has developed unnecessary alarm and they are anxious to have further details published in early

NOTICEABLE TENSIONS

The Prime Minister has acquainted the leaders of the two principal opposition parties with much of the case. They are John Bracken of the Progressive Conservatives and J. Coldwell of the Socialistic Cooperative Commonwealth Federation.

These leaders are understood to have agreed that fuller information would be helpful.

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**CANADIAN STATEMENT**

Ottawa, Feb. 21. AN OFFICIAL GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN, WHO DECLINED TO PERMIT FURTHER IDENTIFICATION, DECLARED TODAY THE RUSSIANS WERE MAKING "POLITICAL CAPITAL" OF THE CANADIAN ESPIONAGE CASE.

SHORTLY AFTER RECEIPT OF THE MOSCOW BROADCAST CHARGING THAT C.D.A.D. IN HANDLING THE INVESTIGATION WAS ENCOURAGING AN ANTI-SOVIET CAMPAIGN, THE SPOKESMAN DECLARED:

"The Soviet statement started out as an admission of guilt sufficient to cause withdrawal of its military attack, then proceeded to minimize the whole matter and sought to make political capital by imputing motives to the Canadian Government."

Canada had no advance notice of the Soviet statement. Press accounts of the Moscow broadcast were read eagerly by officials of the external affairs department.

The spokesman said Canada would make a brief reply to the Soviet charge as soon as possible, then likely would await the outcome of an investigation being conducted by a two-man Royal Commission. After that a full reply will be made to Moscow, "point by point," he said.

Meanwhile, the Canadian Government was put under increasing pressure to disclose further details of the reported espionage plot.

The executive Ottawa branch of the Canadian Association of Scientific Workers in a resolution declared that lack of official news "has led to the present flood of speculation concerning the Soviet Government's

an alleged spy ring, said to be in

### Stark Fact

London, Feb. 21. Lord Beaverbrook's "Daily Express," commenting editorially on the foreign affairs debate in the House of Commons, expressed hope that the discussions will lead to improvement of relations between Britain and Russia. The "Express" said: "We must face the plain stark fact there can be no guarantee of world peace unless Britain, Russia and the United States can work together in full harmony." — Associated Press.

### RUSSIAN ADMISSION

### Boogie Woogie Popular

THE MANAGEMENT OF THE KING'S THEATRE ARE UNABLE TO ACCOUNT FOR THE RECORD-BREAKING POPULARITY OF THEIR CURRENT ATTRACTION, THE TECHNIQUE-MUSICAL EXTRAVAGANZA "BATHING BEAUTY."

The film has now been showing 20 days and is still drawing full-houses. Ernst Lubitsch's "The Love Parade," first screened here at the opening of the Central Theatre in 1929, is the only other film that has ever had a run here of two weeks.

Starring Maurice Chevalier and Jeanette MacDonald, "The Love Parade" featured several songs that remained popular for years afterwards.

The current popularity of "Bathing Beauty" is perhaps to be explained by its "boogie-woogie" feilures and swimming-pool symphonies. A good deal of the film is divided up between Harry James and his Music Makers and Xavier Cugat and his Orchestra.

Red Skelton gives a memorable impression of a co-ed's mannerisms on rising from her bed of slumber in response to the suggestion that men look silly when waking up.

Another great attraction, of course, is Esther Williams, once a star swimmer in the world of amateur swimming and a very shapely Miss whom the cameramen follow for thousands of feet in "Bathing Beauty," close-ups as much on terra firma as in the swimming pool. Swing music breaks in at every odd moment and is forced out of almost every known musical instrument but the harp.

"AMAZED"

The broadcast asserted that the position taken by the Canadian Government is not compatible with the friendly relations between the two countries, and said the "management" was caused by the extraordinary fact that the Canadian Government published its statement on Feb. 15 instead of proceeding through official channels, as is expected between countries maintaining normal relations, by previously seeking an explanation from the Soviet Government.

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### GOERING AS A LOOTER

Nuremberg, Feb. 21. The Soviet prosecution showed yesterday that the Nazis had set out systematically to loot every corner of Europe. Inspired by Hermann Goering's expressed intention to plunder Europe as it had never been plundered before, "The only point that interests me," they quoted Goering as saying, "is what we can squeeze out of the territory now under our control."

Goering, who is number one among the 22 Nazi leaders on trial, smiled as the prosecutor began reading a stenographic record of his demand in 1942 that the German administrators drop every human consideration in the interests of plundering. But the smile soon faded.

He heard himself telling the administrators:

"It makes no difference to me if you say that your people will starve. Let them, if it saves a single German from starvation."

Goering, said that the Russians

called for the ruinous inflation

of French currency, and described Hollanders who "collaborated with the Reich" as "blockaded Dutchmen." — Associated Press.

**SOVIET REPLY**

Moscow, Feb. 21. The Moscow Radio to-day announced that Alexander Losovsky, Deputy Foreign Commissar, handed the text of the Soviet Government's statement to the Canadian Chargé d'Affaires in Moscow.

The note is expected to be the second Soviet statement in connection with the disclosures made in Canada. — Reuter.

**MASTER MIND**

Ottawa, Feb. 21. The Canadian Mounted Police have caught the alleged "master mind" of the foreign spy ring operating in Canada, the Ottawa Journal reported to-night.

The newspaper added that he had operated under the alias of "Arthur Adams." — Reuter.

**RADIO OUTBURST**

London, Feb. 21. The Moscow Radio to-night broadcast a Soviet statement that Soviet agents had obtained certain technical information in Canada, which, however, had proved that Soviet techniques in this field were more advanced.

The action of these agents were unauthorized and they have been withdrawn, the Government statement added.

The Soviet Government denied

it necessary, the statement said, to

### Marines Reduced In Rank

Pearl Harbour, Feb. 21. Three non-commissioned officers were reduced to private rank for participation in a protest against the Marine Corps discharge policy. Lt.-General Roy Geiger's Headquarters announced to-day.

The announcement said that they "failed to display qualities of leadership, judgment, loyalty and fidelity, which are the requisites of the non-commissioned of the Marine Corps."

The Board found that the Marines had participated in composing, signing and obtaining signatures on a petition regarding the Marine Corps discharge policy in violation of Navy regulations and other pertinent orders; that such action was taken without knowledge or consent of their commanding officer and that no previous effort to obtain the information desired had been made through official channels. — Associated Press.

### STOP PRESS

Cairo, Feb. 21. The first semi-official estimates put the day's casualties in the attack on the Kai El Nil barracks at seven killed and more than 50 injured.

British troops in full battle order stood ready inside, lined up beside ready armoured vehicles.

Earlier, machine-guns fire had raged from Lurkack windows as the British soldiers attempted to save their wooden-roofed quarters from demolition by the burning torches, stones and anything else that could be lifted and thrown by several hundred Egyptian demonstrators, who shouted anti-British slogans. — Reuter.

New Delhi, Feb. 21.

One thousand men of the Royal Indian Air Force at Bomby struck to-day to "express their sympathy" with "the striking" Indian naval men.

The Military Police were called in by the Authorities at one camp. A clash followed in which British troops used lathis (bamboo staves) and the airmen stones. In the end the British troops were withdrawn and the airmen formed a procession and went along the city's streets, shouting slogans.

At Karachi, the Military and civilian police have seized all launches in Karachi harbour. A British naval vessel berthed near His Majesty's Indian ship Hindustan, manned her guns as a precautionary measure. — Reuter.

New Delhi, Feb. 21.

An official communiqué issued by General Headquarters in India to-day said that men of His Majesty's ship Hindustan at Karachi took control of their ship this morning and "opened indiscriminate fire with all weapons at their disposal from four inch guns, small arms,

Towards evening, a single R.A.F. bomber roared over Bombay harbour and then directly over His Majesty's Indian ship, 20 of which were reported to be under the control of the striking Indian ratings. After making what seemed to be a reconnaissance of the harbour, the plane flew off again.

It was officially announced

here to-day that strong naval, military and air force reinforcements are on their way to Bombay and Karachi where striking Indian naval ratings had fired on the military. It was also added that reinforcements were on their way to Poona.

In Karachi, the strikers aboard the sloop Hindustan

signalled at 5.00 p.m. that they would open fire on the military again if their demands were not conceded.

The ratings had opened fire with

two naval guns when the military police fired on them.

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